

The Goo Goo Dolls' latest *Superstar Car Wash* (Warner Bros./Metal Blade) picks up where the Replacements left off, with tight grungy, catchy pop songs. Somewhat similar in tempo and style with a couple of exceptions such as the acoustic guitar based and string-backed, "We Are the Normal," the Dolls' energy never flags. Practically every song deserves air-play, but "Cuz You're Gone," "Another Second Time Around," and "Already There" are a cut above the rest. There's a pleading urgency in the vocals that validates even the throwaway songs and makes *Superstar Car Wash* a consistently satisfying effort.